



Springville Newsletter Update

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Construction Underway, Closure Planned for Springville's 400 South

Construction activities are underway as the Utah Department of Transportation began work on its SR-77 (400 South) during the month of September.

Motorists have probably seen construction workers on southbound I-15 between the two Springville exits, where UDOT plans to add an auxiliary lane connecting the two interchanges. They may have also seen workers around the SR-77 interchange, beginning to prepare the area for the new Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI) that will be built there. And residents may have noticed test piles being driven near the interchange in near the bridge at 400 West.

"We've been finishing up design plans, purchasing right of way and working out the final details of construction preparation," said Bryan Adams, project director for UDOT. "We're ready to go!"

Area residents will first notice the work along I-15 and around the interchange area, which will probably continue through the end of the project in Fall of 2008. Most of the rest of the project, including widening 400 South and creating new bridges at 400 West and 1500 West, will take place between January and November 2009. Springville City has recently authorized UDOT to close 400 South during that period of time so that the work there can be completed more safely and during a more compressed schedule – in 11 months instead of being spread across 18 months.

"We understand that closing 400 South has a lot of impact on area businesses and residents," Adams said. "But it is by far the safest and most efficient way for us to complete the work we have to do there, including building the two bridge structures.

Closing 400 South allows us to compress the most significant construction impacts into 11 months, as opposed to having them stretch out over 18 months. It is consistent with what citizens always tell us: get in, get it done, get out.”

According to Adams, 400 South will close in early January should be re-opened and ready for public access before Thanksgiving 2009.

For more information about the SR-77 construction project please visit the project Web site at www.udot.utah.gov/access or call the project information hotline at 1-877-222-3757.

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